enough to prevent illegal entry from the Indian side without resorting to fencing of their borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The matter relating to border fencing within 150 yards of the Indo-Bangladesh Border was taken up with Bangladesh Government in the Foreign Secretary's Level talks. But the Bangladesh Government did not respond favourably to our plea on the ground that the Joint India Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities-1975 prohibits construction of defensive structure within 150 yards of international border. Government of India has been trying persistently to convince Bangladesh Government that the erection of fence does not violate the Joint India Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities-1975 as the border fence is beneficial for both the countries in curbing trans-border crime.

(c) There is no illegal entry from India into Bangladesh.

Initiatives to solve Ayodhya dispute

1030. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any move to solve the Ayodhya dispute;

(b) if so, would Government Place before the House the blue print of such plan;

(c) who are the people and parties involved in such initiative; and

(d) if not, why the Government has not initiated such a move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Four title suits relating to the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute at Ayodhya are pending before the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court. Day to day hearing in the title suits is continuing. Government of India is not a party to any of these suits.

The Government is of the view that the Ayodhya dispute can be resolved either through mutual agreement among all the parties concerned

which must in turn receive legal sanction or through a verdict of the judiciary. Government will facilitate all attempts to find an amicable resolution of the dispute.

Census on the basis of caste

†1031. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prescribed proforma used for recent Census in the country did not contain any column for caste;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Census has not been done on the basis of caste in the country after 1952;

(c) if so, the manner in which Government ensure reservation for SC,ST and OBCs on the basis of their increased population; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct census on the basis of caste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, information on individual caste, tribe or race has not been collected in the censuses held after independence except for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for meeting the Constitutional requirements.

(d) No Sir.

Killing of civilians in bomb blasts in J&K

1032. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have started targeting civilians in bomb blast attacks in Jammu and Kashmir for the last couple of months;

(b) the details of such incidents during the last three months with number of persons died and injured in attacks;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.